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GOODS EXPORTED BY COTTAGE INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of the goods produced by the cottage industries during the last one year, State-wise;

(b) the steps being taken for export of such goods;

(c) the total quantum of goods exported so far; and

(d) the position of each State in terms of exports made during the year 2004, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES & AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD)

(a): The cottage industry sector consists essentially of handicrafts, khadi, polyvastra and village industries. Data on quantum of production of handicrafts items are not maintained centrally. State-wise details of production of khadi, polyvastra and village industry products during 2003-04 are given in the enclosed Annexures I, II and III respectively.

(b): The steps taken to promote export of cottage industry products include financial assistance for participation in international fairs and exhibitions abroad, organising buyers- sellers meets, assistance for overseas publicity, organising seminars/workshops on export procedures, organising the Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair at New Delhi, setting up of Indian Exposition Mart in Greater NOIDA (Uttar Pradesh), establishment of new Handicrafts Special Economic Zones (SEZs), earmarking of specific funds under Market Access Initiative, etc.

(c): The amount of export of handicrafts, including hand knotted carpets, during the last three years are as under :

Year	Amount (Rs. in crore)
2002-03	10936.67
2003-04	12765.18
2004-05	15256.00

Further, during 2003-04, village industry products like papad, palm leaf products, fibre items and handmade paper worth Rs. 52 crore were exported.

(d): State-wise export data on handicrafts are not maintained centrally.